

**OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
OFFICE OF JUVENILE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT**

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**Review of the Death of Travon Hood, Jr.**

**Tulsa County, Oklahoma**

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the death of two year old Travon Hood, Jr. A felony Child Neglect charge was filed in the Tulsa County District Court on October 31, 2016, against Travon's biological mother, Hope Marie King.

**Authorization**

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS); the dates and outcome of investigations and actions taken by the OKDHS; the actions taken by the district attorney; the dates and summary of judicial proceedings; and the rulings of the court, as authorized by 10A O.S. Section 1-6-105.

**Identifiers:**

Child's Name:	Travon Hood, Jr.
Date of Birth:	June 2, 2014
Date of Death:	September 1, 2016
Person Responsible for the Child:	Hope Marie King, biological mother

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) did not become aware of this case until after the death of Travon Hood, Jr.

**Death Incident**

The death report was received by the Tulsa County OKDHS on July 27, 2016. The OKDHS had been contacted regarding two year old Travon Hood, Jr., who had reportedly nearly drowned in a bathtub. The mother claimed to have been present in the bathroom, but turned her back for approximately five seconds. Reportedly, there was only two inches of water in the bathtub.

The OKDHS accepted this report as a Priority I Investigation. According to OKDHS records, the mother admitted she left the bathroom to obtain a towel while Travon, Jr.

and a sibling were in the bathtub. The OKDHS Substantiated the allegations of Neglect-Threat of Harm, Lack of Supervision, and Death as to the mother. Travon, Jr.'s, siblings were originally placed in an Immediate Protective Action Plan (IPAP), however, when the IPAP expired, the siblings were placed into the OKDHS custody. Travon, Jr., remained in the custody of his mother and hospitalized. He was on life support due to an anoxic brain injury until September 1, 2016, when he was pronounced deceased. The Medical Examiner's Report found the probable cause of death was complications from a drowning and the manner of death was accidental.

### **Prior Involvement with the Department of Human Services**

There were two prior reports of abuse/neglect, which were pertinent to the death incident.

The first report was received on September 5, 2014, and was assigned as a Priority II Investigation with four days to initiate contact with the alleged victim. The reporter stated a domestic altercation occurred between Hope King and the biological father. The incident occurred while Travon, Jr., and his siblings were present. The mother had been choked until she passed out and one sibling had an injury to his lip.

The OKDHS Substantiated the allegation of Neglect-Failure to Protect against Hope King. The OKDHS Substantiated the allegation of Neglect-Domestic Violence against Hope King and the father; and requested a deprived petition. The father was arrested for Domestic Violence. Travon, Jr., and his siblings were placed into the OKDHS custody on September 11, 2014.

The second report was received on February 8, 2015, and was assigned as a Priority I Investigation. The reporter stated that eight month old Travon Hood, Jr., had a skull fracture. Reportedly, it was unknown who caused the injury to Travon, Jr. Reportedly, Hope King, Travon, Jr., and his siblings resided in a grandmother's home, which was previously the placement for the children while they were in the OKDHS custody. Neither Hope King nor the grandmother could explain what happened to Travon, Jr. The OKDHS completed three separate investigations. One as to the mother, one as to the grandmother, and one as to the child care center where Travon, Jr., attended. The OKDHS Substantiated an allegation of Abuse-Other as to an unknown perpetrator. The OKDHS Substantiated an allegation Neglect-Failure to Protect as to Hope King and the grandmother. The allegations of Abuse-Other and Neglect-Failure to Protect were Unsubstantiated as to child care center.

Hope King successfully completed her Individualized Service Plan (ISP) and the children were returned to her physical custody on November 12, 2015.